

PACOM Theater for SOF Course (PTSOF)



Course:	SOED-PTSOF (4.5 Days)	PDS Code:	073
DSN:	579-4757/4758	Comm:	850 884-4757/4758
CCAF Credit(s):	None	Enrollment By:	Open Enrollment
E-Mail:	usafsos.ptsof@hurlburt.af.mil	Security Level:	SECRET
Enrollment/Registration: Please refer to the open enrollment information for specific instructions.			

■ Course Information

Target Audience: This course is designed for SOF personnel currently serving or en route to the Asia-Pacific region. As space is available, others may benefit from this instruction. This secondary group includes government personnel who work or train with foreign nationals, in either a stateside or overseas location. Adult dependents of individuals on accompanied overseas status may attend the course at their sponsor's expense, subject to space availability and USAFSOS approval. SOF quota requests are given priority.

Description: PACOM Theater for SOF is a 4.5-day course that focuses on U.S. strategic interests in the Asia-Pacific region with emphasis placed upon items of greatest interest to U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF), in particular, to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) units that operate within the Pacific Command (PACOM) Area of Responsibility. The course addresses the socio-economic, cultural, political, historical, and security dynamics that influence SOF operations in support of PACOM's Theater Campaign Plan. Due to its SOF focus, significant time is dedicated to operational perspective briefs presented by Special Operators who have deployed or conducted Joint Combined Exchange Training events throughout Asia. Students are also exposed to other subjects of interest to the U.S. government including terrorist activities, transnational crime, and regional organizations in Northeast, Southeast, and South Asia. This is a nominative course for which students must apply and be accepted to attend.

Representative Periods of Instruction

Intro to the Asia-Pacific Region
 East Asian Culture
 Eastern Religion and Values
 Cultural Survival Skills
 Regional Internal Security Issues
 US Interests and Security Issues in the Region
 PACOM/SOCPAC Overview
 Selected Sub-regional and Country Studies

Course Enrollment: The course you have selected is an Open Enrollment course. This course requires no prior approval from USAFSOS faculty and course quota can be requested directly. Students may enroll for this course via BlackBoard, or by obtaining a training line number from their unit training manager. For Blackboard direct enrollment, go to the BlackBoard link below and follow the instructions. If enrolling through unit training manager (Open Enrollment link above) supply the PDS code found in the above panel, and course dates to your local training manager who will in turn reserve a course quota for you in the training system. All students should request a USAFSOS Blackboard account which enables access to specific course materials. To access Blackboard, copy and paste the following address into your browser's address bar: **<https://afsoc.blackboard.com>**. (We are currently unable to link directly to the USAFSOS Blackboard site per AFI 33-129, paragraph 6.91.)

Note:

- On the first day of class, students should report NLT 0730. This course is scheduled through 12:00 on the last day of class. Course credit will not be given for early departures. Travel arrangements should be made accordingly

Special Security Instructions:

SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

DOD Security Managers must submit visit request 14-30 days prior to class start date through JPAS (**use class acronym "PTSOF" in POC block**) to SMO code EEQVFPP56 being sure the student's personal summary page reflects the proper access to be granted.

Non DOD agencies must FAX clearance 14-30 days prior to class start date on official letterhead to DSN 579 1866, COMM 850 884 1866. (**Write the course acronym "PTSOF" and inclusive dates as the purpose for visit**).

Security questions? Call Glenn LeMay @ DSN 579 4673 Comm 850 884 4673.

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PTSOF Scheduled Offerings				
Status	Course No.	Dates	Location	Notices
X	12C	9-13 Jul 2012	Kadena AFB	CANCELLED
N/C	12D	6-10 Aug 2012	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13A	28-Jan 1-Feb 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13B	13-17 May 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13C	29-Jul 2-Aug 2013	Cannon AFB, NM	
N/C	13D	26-30 Aug 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	

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